

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A system for describing and extracting application information, comprising:

- (A) a first computer system, said first computer system further comprising:
 - (1) an input device;
 - (2) a display device; and
 - (3) a processing unit, said processing unit further comprising:
 - (a) a processor;
 - (b) memory; and
 - (c) a long-term storage device;
- (B) a second computer system, said second computer system further comprising:
 - (1) an input device;
 - (2) a display device; and
 - (3) a processing unit, said processing unit further comprising:
 - (a) a processor;
 - (b) memory; and
 - (c) a long-term storage device;
- (C) an application program resident on said long term storage device of said processing unit of said first computer system; and
- (D) a means for migrating said application program from said first computer to said second computer, wherein said means for migrating further comprises:

- (1) an application interface, in an INI file format, wherein said application interface further comprises a collection of tags, each tag identifying a feature of said application program, and logic for converting settings, registry information and files;
- (2) a communication channel between said first computer system and said second computer system;
- (3) a console in communication with said application interface file, said console adapted to scan said long term storage devices for one or more environmental setting and for files to be migrated; and
- (4) a self-extracting auto-migration package built by said console, said self-extracting auto-migration package further comprising files and settings for migration to said second computer.

Claim 2. (cancelled)

Claim 3. (currently amended) A method for extracting and migrating application information, comprising:

- (A) loading a Personality Package, said Personality Package further comprising settings, preferences, application programs and data files;
- (B) executing said Personality Package;
- (C) getting a file;

- (D) copying said file, determining if said file is a shell link and if said file is a shell link adding said file to a shell link list, and determining whether migration of additional files is required and if additional files are required returning to said getting a file step;
- (E) getting a registry;
- (F) copying said registry;
- (G) getting application version specifics, and testing to determine if destination application versions match and generating an error if said destination application versions do not match; and
- (H) updating shell links using said shell link list.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The [[A]] system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said console module further comprises:

an executable program that scans for environment settings and files to be migrated and builds said self-extracting auto-migration packages.

Claim 5. (currently amended) The [[A]] system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said console further comprises:

an edit function.

Claim 6. (currently amended) The [[A]] system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said console further comprises:

a filter for determining which settings and file types are to be included in a said self-extracting auto-migration package.

Claim 7. (currently amended) The [[A]] system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package is a self-executing file.

Claim 8. (cancelled)

Claim 9. (cancelled)

Claim 10. (currently amended) The [[A]] system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package is editable by a user.

Claim 11. (currently amended) The [[A]] system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein self-extracting auto-migration package is password protected.

Claim 12. (currently amended) The [[A]] system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package includes data compression.

Claim 13. (currently amended) The [[A]] system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package includes an operating system conversion capability.

Claim 14. (currently amended) The [[A]] system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package includes disk space verification.

Claim 15. (currently amended) The [[A]] system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package further comprises a text description capability.

Claim 16. (currently amended) The [[A]] system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package further comprises options for handling duplicate files.

Claim 17. (currently amended) The [[A]] system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package includes the capability of performing unattended installation of files.

Claim 18. (currently amended) The [[A]] system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package further comprises user-defined profiles.

Claim 19. (cancelled)

Claim 20. (cancelled)